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| The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, I | | | cause |
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| (d) They present additional claims without canceling a | corresponding number of finally reig | ected claims | |
| NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.1 | | octor diamino. | |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.12 | | mnliant Amendment (| PTOL-324) |
| 5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s) | | Inpliant Amendment (| 101-324). |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be all | | timely filed amendmen | at canceling the |
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| Claim(s) allowed: | | | |
| Claim(s) objected to: Claim(s) rejected: 1-19 and 21-30. | | | |
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| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered bu | t does NOT place the application in | condition for allowan | ce because: |
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/Darwin P. Erezo/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3773 Continuation of 3. NOTE: The amendment to the independent claims 1, 19, 29 and 30 to recite "an inner sleeve electrical connector coupled to the inner sleeve electrically conductive contact surface" and "the outer sleeve further comprising an outer sleeve electrical connector coupled to the outer sleeve electrically conductive contact surface" changes the scope of the previously claimed invention and would require further consideration and an updated search.